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MEMORANDUM FOR: Project Director of Material

SUBJECT : Conversation with [redacted] at Edwards AFB,
This Date, Relative to Local Purchase of Certain
Material

1. I was called to the phone this afternoon rather hurriedly for a quick discussion with [redacted] on a variety of topics. In the course of this talk, he indicated an urgent requirement for 440 volt, 3-phase power in the hangar to meet the shop requirements of Lockheed. He indicated that there was no available 440 power source anywhere within the hangar area and his proposal was that he be granted immediate approval to purchase three (3) 5KVA single phase, dry-type transformers at approximately \$130.00 each, in order to convert the present 220 volt power to the required 440.

2. [redacted] stated that he realized that the requirement for 440 power was a new one because until this moment, Lockheed representatives, including [redacted] repeatedly stated that they did not need any 440 power source.

3. [redacted] stated that he would be able to meet these requirements with one (1) 10KVA transformer, but it was his understanding that local purchase of this item was more difficult than to obtain three (3) of the smaller KVA units.

4. In view of the fact that our time was limited in the phone conversation, I was unable to contact your office and get formal approval for this purchase. Consequently, I told [redacted] to proceed with the purchase and advised him that we would send a cable to [redacted] containing an authorization for him to spend approximately \$390.00 for this purchase. [redacted] indicated that he was pleased with this and would communicate with [redacted] by telephone, this afternoon, advising him that formal approval was on the way and requesting that he take steps to obtain the equipment from Jefferson Electric Company, 1427 South Hope Street, Los Angeles. [redacted] will pick them up and bring them to Edwards in his car. I am sorry to have been forced to usurp your prerogative in this instance, but felt that it would be simpler to approve the purchase in the manner I have outlined.

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Project Director of Administration
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